## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 736**

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Cecil Embry Morgan, Sr. of Clarksville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Cecil Embry Morgan, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Montgomery County, Cecil Embry Morgan, Sr. was the son of Alonzo and Louise Davis Morgan who taught him the value of hard work and service to others; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan was a renowned farmer and committed conservationist, winning numerous honors and accolades for his work toward sustaining the renewable natural resources of Tennessee in a manner that provides economic enrichment while preserving valuable resources; he was being named an Honorary Chapter Farmer by the Montgomery Central High School Future Farmers of America, earned the Master Conservationist Award in 1995; and received the Montgomery County Farm Family of the Year Award in 2001; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his illustrious farming career, Cecil Embry Morgan, Sr. began working in the construction industry in 1948; with his time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well through people from all walks of life, Mr. Morgan led his construction company to remarkable success with such noteworthy endeavors as the expansion of sections of Interstates Forty, Sixty-Five, and Seventy-Five as well as numerous local highway projects and countless commercial and industrial ventures over the last sixty years; and

WHEREAS, Cecil Embry Morgan, Sr. was a dedicated civic leader who distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order through his involvement with numerous

organizations, including serving as a charter member and President of the Montgomery Central Civitan Club, a member of the Board of Directors for the Tennessee Road Builders Association, and a member of the local, state, and national Cattleman's Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan was an active, devout, and life-long member of the First Presbyterian Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a Deacon; and

WHEREAS, Cecil Embry Morgan, Sr. was also deeply devoted to his family, and always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan was preceded in death by his first wife, Martha Bullock Morgan; his parents, Alonzo and Louise Davis Morgan; his brother, Harry H. Morgan, and his sister, Anne Van Sickle; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan is survived by his loving wife of fifty years, Mary Shanklin Morgan; his sister, Imogene Turrentine; his brother, William D. Morgan; his children and their spouses, Cecil, Jr. and Mary Morgan, David and Barbara Morgan, Cheryl and Ted Barton, Margaret and Leo Adames, Gene and Kathy Morgan, and Don and Sarah Morgan; his grandchildren, Cecil Morgan, III, Benjamin Morgan, David Morgan, Jr., Wade Morgan, Sam Morgan, Jeff Nuckolls, Emily Nuckolls Vaughn, Mary Kathryn Barton, Morgan Adames, Julia Adames Purdue, Martha Morgan Runkle, Katherine Morgan, Laura Morgan, Don Morgan, Jr., and Lance Morgan; his great-grandchildren, Ashley Morgan and Elijah Barton; his beloved friends, Sam, Jr. and Leona Lyle; and devoted caregiver Maribel Cooper; and

WHEREAS, Cecil Embry Morgan, Sr. leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Cecil Embry Morgan, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Cecil Embry Morgan, Sr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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